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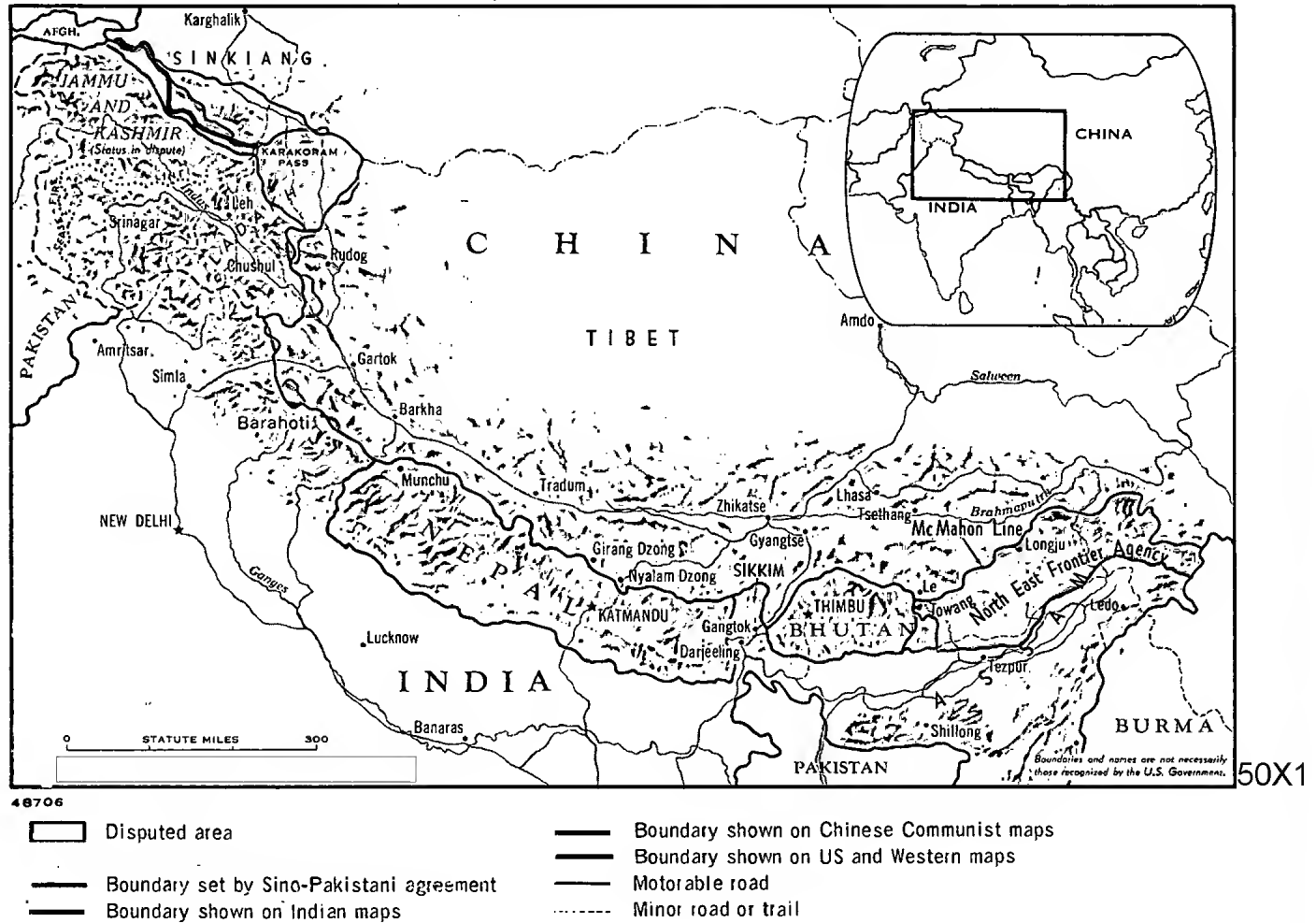


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CHINA-INDIA FRONTIER AREA



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1. India-Pakistan

Ayub told Ambassador McConaughy today that he would "give the most earnest thought" to a cease-fire decision to take effect in the next day or so. Ayub said, however, that Pakistani public opinion is a great obstacle--that "the people" would not understand "giving up on Kashmir" when "justice" was within Pakistan's grasp.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto, a hard liner, is to arrive in New York tomorrow.

Ayub also told McConaughy he "recently" had sent a message to Peking, asking the Chinese "for God's sake, do not come in." Ayub again denied that there was any collusion or even consultation with the Chinese.

On the Indian side, Prime Minister Shastri too has said merely that the Security Council cease-fire resolution deserves "careful consideration."

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The official Indian reply to the Soviet proposal for such a meeting is not yet known, however.

There have been no significant changes in the India-Pakistan military situation. The Indian command still seems generally satisfied with the position Indian troops hold in the Punjab fighting. They are conducting an essentially defensive operation there for the time being.

An Iranian C-130 Hercules cargo plane is shuttling between Iran and Pakistan, carrying military supplies.

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2. Communist China

[redacted] a small-scale fire fight between Indian police and Chinese troops occurred along the southeastern border of Ladakh yesterday. [redacted] at least three Indians were killed or captured in the incident.

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Military communications activity in southwest China has continued at an abnormally high rate. Most of this activity centers in the northern Ladakh area.

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3. North Vietnam

The air strikes today on the important Hanoi - Lang Son railroad (see map) drew a strong defensive reaction from the North Vietnamese.

US pilots report that ten surface-to-air missiles were launched against them. No hits were reported. In addition, jet fighters were in the vicinity, but they apparently chose not to engage the US planes.

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Peking used the shootdown today of a US plane which had strayed near Hainan Island as the occasion for more tough anti-American talk. Linking this "provocation" with "US-instigated Indian provocations" along the Tibetan border, Peking says, once again, that the Chinese stand ready "in full battle array" to smash these aggressive schemes.

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4. USSR

Moscow may be deploying a world-wide satellite navigation or communications system.

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Moscow's announcements have said that these satellites have "scientific" missions.

It is more likely, however, that the multiple satellite launchings, which began early this year, are to improve the accuracy with which Soviet craft, especially submarines, can determine their positions or possibly to provide a military communications system.

5. Arab States

The Arab "summit" meeting in Casablanca, which ended late last week, seems to have come off with a minimum of anti-Western fireworks.

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6. Angola

In contrast to the situation in Mozambique, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Angolan rebellion is almost over [REDACTED]

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The Angolan rebels, who have been based across the border in the Congo, are badly divided and hamstrung by Leopoldville's tacit cooperation with the Portuguese. Although there has been a small flurry of rebel activity this month, rebel sympathizers are turning themselves in to the authorities in record numbers.

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7. Dominican Republic

According to Garcia Godoy, rebel leader Caamano reported to him Saturday that all "important" rebel arms had been collected at five points in the rebel zone of Santo Domingo.

Over the weekend, Garcia Godoy was to name a "verification committee," which would begin today to oversee the collection of arms from the five points and return them to government arsenals. We have no word yet, however, on how all this is really working out.

Garcia Godoy has also assured Ambassador Bunker that he is aware of the alarm many of his appointments are causing among conservative elements. The provisional president still insists, however, that his first problem is to complete disarmament and open up the rebel zone.

8. Bolivia

Trouble has again broken out between the government and the tin miners.

A clash on Saturday left four dead at one of the mines where friction has been chronic. The Bolivian junta met this morning to decide what to do next.

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